

REMARKS

Before the amendments made herein, claims 97 to 101 and 127 to 133 were pending. Claims 97 to 99 and 130 to 133 have been canceled herein without prejudice. Accordingly, after the amendments made herein are entered, claims 100, 101 and 127 to 129 will be pending.

A. Regarding the claim objections

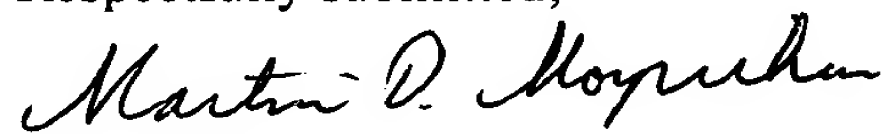
Page 2 of the Office Action states that claims 100, 101, 127 and 128 are objected to because they are dependent on rejected claim 97. Appropriate correction is required.

In response, to promote prosecution of this case, claim 97 has been canceled herein without prejudice, and claim 100 has been written in independent form, with claims 101 and 127 now depending on claim 100. In addition, claims 128 and 129 are each independent claims, with no rejection pending against either claim.

CONCLUSION

All of the issues raised in the Final Office Action have been addressed and are believed to have been overcome. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims under examination in the subject application are allowable. Therefore Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,



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